

# Residential Tamper Resistant Receptacles Information Sheet



The *2008 National Electrical Code* directs that all receptacles installed or replaced within residential dwelling units shall be Tamper Resistant (TR).

This is a new safety feature built into the receptacle. It prevents a child from being able to insert any foreign object in a slot and suffer an electrical injury. The feature functions through a spring/shutter mechanism. In order to insert the prongs of a plug type cord, all prongs must be inserted simultaneously into the receptacle.

These same outlets would be required at any exterior locations and in garages. Depending on the location in the dwelling and/or garage, the receptacle could also be required to be listed as a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI), an Arc Fault Circuit-Interrupter (AFCI) or a Weather Resistant outlet (WR).

Please see our handout entitled, *Residential Circuits and Wiring* for more information.

**This information is a guide to the most common questions. It is not intended, nor shall it be considered, a complete set of requirements.**